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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN STATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN COMPLETES VISIT TO MAURITANIA
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1. BULGARIAN STATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, TODOR ZHIVKOV, AND LARGE BULGARIAN DELEGATION VISITED MAURITANIA OCTOBER 16-19. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL ROUND OF ACTIVITIES IN CAPITAL CITY OF NOUAKCHOTT, ZHIVKOV VISITED NORTHERN PORT OF NOUADHIBOU ACCOMPANIED BY PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH.

2. DURING COURSE OF VISIT TWO PRESIDENTS SIGNED PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION FOR YEAR 1976 BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTY OF BULGARIA AND MAURITANIAN PEOPLES PARTY; PROTOCOL RELATIVE TO MEETINGS IN MAURITANIA BETWEEN TWO LEADERS; AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT INCLUDED USUAL TOPICS OF INTEREST TO EITHER ONE OR BOTH LEADERS. TWO CHIEFS OF STATE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION OUTCOME OF EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION. THEY PRAISED RESULTS OF NONALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA, ADDING THAT
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THEY HOPED CONCERNED COUNTRIES ARE ACTIVELY WORKING

TOWARDS FULFILLMENT OF FINAL DECLARATION. TWO LEADERS URGED PROMOTION OF DETENTE AND EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE FOR JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING TOTAL REMOVAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. THEY ALSO DECLARED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF STRICT OBSERVATION OF UNGA AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS.

4. ZHIVKOV INVITED OULD DADDAH TO VISIT BULGARIA AGAIN (HE MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOFIA IN 1974). MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT ACCEPTED INVITATION WITH DATE TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

5. COMMENT: ZHIVKOV RECEIVED MAXIMUM HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION AND OFFICIAL PRESS WAS FILLED WITH FAVORABLE PUBLICITY DURING VISIT. VISIT WAS OTHERWISE UNXCEPTIONAL AND NO STARTLING AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED. BULGARIAN FISHING DELEGATION PRECEDED STATE CHAIRMAN TO NOUAKCHOTT AND LOCAL PRESS HAD SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT BE EXPANSION OF BULGARIAN-MAURITANIAN RELATIONS IN FIELD OF FISHING. IF NEW FISHING AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED, HOWEVER, THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.HANDYSIDE

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